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VALENTINE'S DAY

Happy Valentine's Day. What is Valentine's Day? Basically today it is little more than a Hallmark greeting card and FTA florist buying excuse but the heart shapes are so nice and there's no reason to knock a chance to say "I love you"to someone you care a lot about. Have a nice day.

basketball results

The basketball all-stars have been busy with their game schedule for weeks now. Team members include Eric Greene, Trevor Smith, Travis Hall, Tim Combs, Marc Galbraith, Eric Lean, Matt Hess, Doug Powless, Troy Hendrickson, Micah Billings, Scott Flick, Mark Kruizenga, Bob Roy and Dan Kolosar.

Coached by Mr. Marks, they have had four games as of this writing. The results are as follows:

Lawrence- scrimmage	won-64-51	-8th
	won 38-7	7th
Kalamazoo South	lost 44-35	8th
Ka'zoo Hillside	lost 49-46	8th
	won 46-43	7th
Ka'zoo South	lost 46-23	8th

They will have played Ka'zoo Milwood by the time this is published and will play Milwood again this evening.

The Bangor Jr. High Invitational will be played next week to wrap up the season.

cupid

Cupid's Continued... from p.4

Eau de luv potion.

Cupid's favorite song is "Poison Arrow". He chose February 14th for his biggest hunt because it's so cold and he wanted to warm people up inside.

He never misses his targets and he said he actually chooses by the way they are shaped so don't eat too much candy this Valentine's Day!

s.cozy

Shown above are the members of the 1985 Spelling Team and their coach as they prepare to leave for the Apple sauce Open where they took second place.

Star Spellers

The top ten spellers and alternates for the 1985 spelling season include Kelli Carpenter, Gina Blacksten, Joe Pacula, Andy Lumm, Carrie Kay, Chris Stratton, Ilyne Warren, Jennfier Finnerman, Cris Hummel,and Laura Morrison. Alternates are Kristi Timmermans and Deanna Root.

Competition will be held this week to choose the number one speller from this select group who were themselves chosen from stiff competition in a contest among 30 of the best spellers in the middle school January 15.

The next spelling contest "interscholastically will be held Mar. 12 in Benton Harbor at Lake Michigan College.

Sees Shadow

Well, another ground hog's day and another uncertain prediction for spring Needless to say, it depends where you stood on Feb. 2 and whether the sun shone there. Hurry spring!

With Love

We interviewed 26 people about what they are getting the boyfriends or girlfriends. The most popular thing was to remain anonymous. The ideas ranged from candy to hugs and kisses, to red roses and boxes of chocolates, a big Hershey kiss, or a card.

People who were brave, those willing to give their names, said, as Michelle King did, "anything with an 'I love you' on it." Heather Briley said, "a cupid holding a heart that says 'I love you.'" Deanna Root suggested,"a hug." Hutson Tapp mentioned,"a block of wood." Samantha Cozart said, "a heart cake."

Those who may not necessarily give such gifts suggested as did Cathy Craddock, "a candy heart,".Yvette Krause said," a big Hershey kiss." Kim Haefner thought"a Hershey kiss "also. Candy Ziemba said, "a car." Heidi Hall mentioned a "trip to the Bahamas, as long as he pays." Chris Stratton said,"candy." Jon Newman mentioned," a chocolate record".

Happy Valentines! tr,cc,yk

Have a Happy

Happy February and March birthdays.

Stephanie Gillette- Feb. 8
Tonya Page- Feb. 12
Chris Stratton- Mar. 23
Virginia DePierre- Feb. 8
Tom Drake- Feb.1
Brandy Casanto- Feb. 12
Mrs. Dobbs- February
Mr. Snyder- March
Bekki Martin- Feb. 5
Brian Hunt- Feb. 9
Nicole Wellington- Feb.11
Yvette Krause- Mar. 14
Eric Green -Feb. 20
Rinda Teske- Feb. 19
Kerry Tokarchick- Feb. 7
Cassy Meyer- Feb. 12
George Washington- Feb.22
Nikki Finnerman- Mar. 4
Kerrin Hindenach- Mar. 31
KristineRanger- Mar. 27
Missy Ogden - Feb. 16

Dear Sam:

(Note: Dear Sam was left out last time accidentally.)

Dear Sam:

My best friend and I got into a bad fight. She said she never wanted to be friends again but I don't know why.

I asked her but she calls me bad names. I asked her to forgive me but she never answers me.

Ms. Sad

Dear Ms.:

Try to get your friend away from everyone else for a little while and try talking again. By now she may be more willing to talk. Find out why she's mad, why she never wants to be friends, if she will now tell you. Often in the heat of arguments people will say things they won't mean later on.

If, however, she is unwilling to accept your apology and is not willing to be friends , then forget it, and her too if you can since you will have done all that you can possibly do. Perhaps someday in the future you two will be friends again. But it does take two and you can't do it alone.

Dear Sam:

My best friend is mad at me again. We are always getting into fights. This time I think it's for good. Can you help?

Friends in Trouble

Dear F.I.T.:

All friends have fights once in a while. Everyone can't have the same opinions. Try talking it over, discuss the problem. Say you are sorry even though you think you are right. Before you get stuck on winning the fight think for a second. What's more important, a good friend or an argument won?

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Paw Paw 55- Hillside 64 in the January 31 game played here.

SNOW DAYS

And how will you spend your snow days? This was the question this month asked of several dozens of 7th and 8th graders.

Andy Lumm said,"I'd stay in bed and watch soaps." Jason Coffman thought he'd," cross country ski." Rob Williams would,"play hockey and sleep." Edna Tovias, Annegret Peters, and Melanie Gibbs would"sit and watch tv."

Scott Boley would go"snowmobiling." John Sinkewiz would"play my computer games such as Donkey Kong." Gus Harrell, however, would og outside and"have a snowball fight with my sister."

Heath Beckstrom plans to "Go downhill skiiing."(if he can get out to the slpoes.) Shannon McCoy would spend her time"listening to Motley Crue." Michelle Osment would,"slepp, breathe, eat and watch soaps. I try to make a habit of all of those."

Dina Shaffer would "watch tv" as would Vangie Tovias, Diane Elkins, Sherrie Hall, Matt Holleman, Carole Miley, Ami Abbott, Tom Dailey and Sean Donovan. Jim Roberts would,"throw snowballs at my my sister." (Heidi Henrickson says she doesn't spend snow days. Hmmm.

Lesley Bergeson would sleep. Bob Matlis would "cross country ski." Heather Staniszewski would"clean her room." Danielle Dragon would "watch the Waltons." Andy Griffith would "party all day"? David Miller would "go ice fishing."

Shelly Bergeson said she'd sleep. (must run in the family.See above.) Clint Merchant would go"skating or boating." (boating? on ice?) Julisa Garcia would watch her soaps"from 12:30 - 4:00 ." Tara Twardowski would "play hockey and go ATC riding." (in the snow?) Daniel Fuller would go "thre wheeling in the snow."(Guess anything's possible.) David Hansen isn't sure what he'd do but does know what he won't do. ("Study.")

Nadean Nardielle would spend her time " on the phone," as would Jane McGuire who would "call boys." Chris Frank would "ski, play hockey, go to a friend's house or stay inside."

Laurie Shultz would "watch soap operas all day." (needless to say, she would not be the only one.) Matt Hess would sleep "til noon if not awakened by a phone call to remind of jobs," Matt Crosser said "nothing." Michelle McKenney would slepp til 11:00 and then ride her horse." Rinda Teske would spend the day wiht a friend "from South Haven." Brian Bugg would"go ice fishing all day."

Mark Kruizenga said,"I'd study all day like Eric Greene and Eric Lean." Danielle Essex would "go shopping in Kalamazoo and then study." Bob Paulus would sleep "til 11:oo and mope around all day."

Joyce Verville would either "spend it in bed or get caught up in all my bakk work done and study." Tina Sides would," I drown rats in the toilet bowl."

Art Steimla would "go out in shorts to sun bathe." Linda Buskirk would "play Light Bright." Jennifer Hanley would teach"my cat to swim."

Matt Forster would "do everything I can." Kerri Rieck and Katrina Parmelee would "go skiing." Chester, Kelli Carpenter and Jason Brautigan "would like to stay inside." Yvonne Clemence would" be at Jon Klesko's house." Scott Buchanan would "stay in bes."

Liz Grimm would "shovel snow for a profit." Patty Sult would "go to my friends and then to the mall." Dennis Harbin would be"in my room and I'd be cold."

Scott Lounsbury would "ride ATC's in the snow and would get ten dollars and go to McDonald's too. I'd put fish in the wrong tank at Big Wheel and turn all the radios way up." Pauline Cook would "sleep in, play video games, help mom fix lunch, then snuzzle up with a good book til dinner. Then shovel the driveway."

Buffy Archer would "sit around in her room because she's grounded fron report cards."Jenny Allwelt and Jennie Burk would "play dressup"w with their mothers' clothes.

Mark Wickett would"yell at my sister." (see p.4)

SNOW DAYS ...PILES OF IDEAS

Scott Flick would"sit in the house all day and watch tv," as would Brett Lehto. Missy DeaHamer would " go ice skating." Cherie Dingamn would listen "to my jambox."

Wendy Reinoehl would "clean my room." Jeryy Wiley would build "a Stay-Puff snowman." Melody Emery would "take care of a kid and watch MTV". Jim Ortquist would "go ice fishing."

Colleen Bos would "freeze my toes." Jeff Crouse would "throw people in the snow." John Njus, on the other hand, "would go swimming."(Maple Lake?) Rosa Varnesdeel would "help my parents and watch tv." Scott Browne would"spend my time in the winter with my girls." (huh?) Sheila Davis would"listen to my radio." Alta Mitchell would "have snowball fights and play games." Shhenli Cliver, Nickie Hanan both would watch MTV. Brian Hall would "sleep half the day and go sledding."

Brad McKenzie would "make Lego people." Jason Johnson would"climb trees." Gina Gauthier would "make play dough people,"as would Eric Lean. Kandy Pilarski would study "science, English, and social studies." Mr. Erickson would " bake cookies and watch old movies while playing with my army set."

Stacie Holewa would " get Mighty Mouse to help me fly." And definitely up there in the top ten for original, (and you have to go some to beat the answers Mr. Erickson's homeroom gave), is Rob Johnston's idea.."finger paint fried chicken!"

Now, if it only would snow!

(the staff)

Farewell to Tiffany Tate and Deanna Root who are moving this month.

The Good Timers- 2nd term
Monica Bloedorn, Barb Kerr, Travis Hall, Sue Wunderlich, Tom Drake, Jenni Paluch, Gina Gauthier, Lisa Hall, Matt Holleman, Marc Galbraith, Kathy Triquet, Heather Staniszewski, Cassy Meyer, Missy Ogden, Debi Richardson, Sasha Singletary, Teelina Rumbaugh, Cathy Craddock, Yvette Krause, Samantha Cozart, Ingrid Lacy

Birthdays...many happy returns!

Rich Haisma- March 12
Jim Carlson- Feb.15
Cindy Paremlee- Feb.4
Carole Miley- Feb.18
Jason Marcelletti- Mar. 31
Carrie May - Mar. 31
Bill Shireman- Mar. 20
Sheila Hughes - Feb.1
Matt Hess- Mar. 15
Brett Lehto- Mar.11
Chad Payne- Feb. 28
Tom Kelly- Feb.6
Mark Dulik- Feb.1
Eric Brown- Feb. 20
Andy Griffith- Feb.8
Phil Koppers- Mar. 13

G. HOG

Before the ground hog ran back into his hole last Saturday, a few of the Good Times reporters were able to track him down for an interview.

The ground hog, who preferred to remain just another anonymous woodchuck, told reporters he enjoyed coming out on Feb. 2. "It's fun," said the hog.

When asked what was the coldest time , he replied ,"in 1978. It was -20."

The g.h. told reporters ,"I enjoy all the publicity each year. I am the center of attention."

The benefits of the job according to this hog include mostly publicity but also food and money. When asked what he does with the money, he replied,"I buy clothes and food, of course."

Clothes? Our wondering reporters has to ask about the latest fashions for ground hogs. They were told,"why, mostly neon colors!"

t.r. & c.c.

MEET CUPID

Recently I met up with Cupid and he was so nice he agreed to talk to me for the paper. He said his favorite TV show is "The Love Boat". And yes, Cupid does have a faull name: Cupid Dear Heart.

Of course you know that Cupid is French. The gook in the arrows that makes people fall in love is called

(see p.)

what is a g. hog?

A ground hog , who is also known as a wood chuck, is a member of the rodent family. He lives all over North America and has a heavy -set body covered with thick coasse brown hair. He is about two feet long and has a tail that is half a foot long.

Ground hogs nest and hibernate in burrowa underground. Superstition has it that he comes out of his hole to see if it is spring yet and when he sees his shadow is scared back into his burrow for another six weeks of winter. Of course anyone with a calendar can tell that the vernal equinox occurs about six weeks from Feb. 2, official ground hog wake up date. And that is when spring begins.

j.p.

MR. BRILL

Mr. Brill teaches 8th grade history and reading and 7th grade reading. He has been teaching in Paw Paw for 29 years since 1956.

He graduated from high school in 1948. He has nine children, one of whom is in 7th grade here.

Mr. Brill has taught classes for W.M.U.'s student teaching program and been transportation director. He was also principal of the high school and of the middle school at one time.

Mr. Brill likes to keep busy. He likes sports such as golf, skiing, hunting, fishing, and traveling. Last summer he traveled all over the United States by motorcycle. He covered 12000 miles. He camped at least one night in every state.

He says he likes the age of the kids here at the middle school though"some of them may cause pro-problems."

a.k.

Mr. Stenner

Mr. Stenner graduated from college in 1977 and is currently working on a master's degree whcih he will complete in August of this year.

During his high school and college years he planned to be a YMCA program director but found no job openings so he became a teacher.

The reason he became a teacher is that he enjoys working with children. His first year he taught sixth grade English and math. His second year he taught sixth and eighth grade English. Michigan Ave. is the first and only school he has taught in. While student teaching here, he met his wife-to-be, who was his supervising teacher.

He has been married for a year and a half and doesn't plan to have children.

Some of Mr. Stenner's likings include taking care of his landscape though he dislikes fighting moles. He doesn't have much time for hobbies.

He doesn't have any pets but if he did it would be a horse because he has worked on a ranch that had 30 horses.

He has no favorite food but likes almost anything. His favorite tv show is"Hill Street Blues."

t.d. t.h.

sam -- more

Dear Sam - a continuation

Sam:

We've got a problem. We like these boys but we don't know how to tell them.

Problem

Dear Prob:

This may seem obvious but why not tell them just as you told me? Or, since it Valentine's day, send them candy or a card- nothing really big but enough to show you care and want to be friends. Kepp it "friendly" and not mushy and you'll do all right.

To have a snowball fight (off the school grounds of course) you have to get an even number of "fighters". You build a small fort or wall about 3 feet high and each team picks a leader, who will call all the orders and set up the strategy. You make your boundaries as seen in the diagram on p.6. Make a retreat line. This means if your opposition runs behind this line you win. The perimeter of attack is a circle. You can't leave this area. You play until the other team runs out of snow balls or until they run behind the (See p.6)

How to... Continued

snowballs continued...

if the other team gets hit , each person, ten times. The maximum amount of snowballs is 50. The only time a person is allowed to leave the perimeter is if they are retreating or if they are blitz krieg attacking. Each team is allowed only one blitzkrieg attack.

anonymous author

Gopher City

As I look out my window I see gophers millions of gophers all around my yard. They are making a freeway in our front yard and making a subway through our backyard. They have a deli in, or should I say , under the porch, and a mall under our house. My mom called the exterminator but they chased him off.

My dad tried to smoke them out but they bought gas masks, so that didn't work. We tried traps but they blew them up with nitro.

It is winter now. All the gophers are gone but our yard is a mess. I hope they don't come back next spring.

c.k.

SUPERFLAKE!

The Flake is born. It falls about 5000 feet and smashes into the ground. It's not hurt; it's super flake. The strongest flake around, it can hurdle a boat and in three paces, it can stop a runaway sled in its tracks. Watch out. super guy, the sun is coming out.

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27 DAYS UNTIL Easter Break!

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